

# THE WHIG STANDARD.



"Flag of the free! thy folds shall fly,  
The sign of hope and triumph nigh."

FOR PRESIDENT,  
**HENRY CLAY,**  
OF KENTUCKY.

WASHINGTON.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1843.

## A NEW MOVE ON THE POLITICAL CHEQUER BOARD.

The withdrawal of Mr. Buchanan from the Presidential canvass, is a new move on the political checker board, and one of no little importance. It will be recollected, that at the convention of the friends of Mr. Buchanan, at Pittsburgh, about a month ago, very high ground was taken. The convention declared that it had no second choice, Mr. Buchanan being their first and their last, and that it was useless to nominate him if they did not intend to adhere to him in the National Convention. Such was the high toned language used, that the Spectator of this city declared that they considered it a declaration against the authority of the National Convention! From these high and lofty declarations, how great, and how soon the fall! After declaring that they would never surrender, Mr. Buchanan himself pulls down his own flag, ere a gun has been fired, or the troops of the various aspirants for the diadem, have been marshalled! Surely he must expect to gain something by this voluntary and early abandonment of the field to Mr. Van Buren; such extraordinary magnanimity and disinterestedness will not be suffered to pass unrewarded by him to whose benefit it is intended to ensure.

But we have some curiosity to know whether he warm and devoted friends of Mr. Buchanan, who have indulged in so much invective of late towards the little Kinderhook Magician, will at once, at his bidding, doff his uniform, and put on the livery of him who is to receive the sceptre, and take back all they have uttered against him. It seems to us some of them will be in a quandary. But we suppose they will find reasons for surrendering unconditionally, and suffering themselves to be transferred, like so many serfs, from one chief to another; and to hints of their former asseverations that they would never support Mr. Van Buren, reply as did Benedict—"when we said that, we did not think we should live to be Van Buren men."

The question will now naturally suggest itself, "will Mr. Buchanan be able to transfer his friends over to Mr. Van Buren, and, if so, can he secure the electoral vote of Pennsylvania for him?" We know something of Pennsylvanians, and think we may safely answer both these questions in the negative. Mr. Van Buren has never been popular in that State—never a favorite of the people there. There are too many frank, up and down Germans in that State, who despise and eschew every thing like chicanery, cunning, or management, and all having a character for political charlatanism. Now, it cannot be disguised, that Mr. Van Buren is looked upon in this light by the Germans, and hence, they have always been averse to give him their support. Mr. Buchanan has himself declared, that "Mr. Van Buren was always a drag upon them in Pennsylvania, and he would be hard to carry now." And yet he seems determined to undertake the task. Let him take care that he does not take upon himself a load greater than even his herculean shoulders and great strength can bear.

We look upon this movement as a manoeuvre to secure the electoral vote of the Keystone State for one whom Pennsylvania dislikes, not to say, abhors. It has all the outward marks of a "co-alition"—of a political bargain, by which the honest yeomanry of that State are to be sold, set off, alienated, released, and transferred to the Little Magician. What the consideration is to be, time may, perhaps, develop—possibly a better chance of Mr. Buchanan for the succession—Mr. Benton willing; perhaps a seat in the Cabinet, or the mission to England,—nay, not unlikely, both; the property transferred is valuable—twenty-six votes may turn the scale and secure the Presidency to Mr. Van Buren. There is one thing, however, to be remembered—the bargain is inchoate until ratified by the people.

### THE CUE GIVEN.

The Lancaster Intelligencer and Journal, Mr. Buchanan's organ, in prefacing Mr. B.'s letter of withdrawal, says:

"For our own part, we shall say no more upon this subject at present, but pledge ourselves earnestly and ardently to support the nominee of the Democratic National Convention."

Why not have said at once, "we shall earnestly and ardently support Mr. VAN BUREN!" But the Buchanan men will understand the hint given.

The Globe, Mr. Van Buren's mouth piece, puts Mr. Buchanan on the back and says:

"It is, in all probability, to the wish to see the Pennsylvania Democracy heartily and at once co-operating with that of the neighboring Democratic States, from which it has never been separated, that the party is indebted to Mr. Buchanan for the immediate sacrifice of his pretensions. It is a most important and advantageous course for the party, in its present peculiar circumstances; and it is the strongest proof of patriotism—of disinterested defence to what he considers the popular wish—sacrificing every feeling of selfishness, of pride, to say nothing of ambitious hopes—that any man could give. The Democracy of the Union is very apt to remember those public men who consult the good of the country, in a difficult crisis, rather than their own ambition, or the ardent wishes of their friends; and it will not, in all likelihood, forget Mr. Buchanan."

But what says the Harrisburg Argus, an organ of one portion, and a large portion too, of the Democracy of Pennsylvania? Answer:

"Pennsylvania is just as certain for Mr. Clay, with Mr. Van Buren as our candidate, as Kentucky. The party cannot be rallied for Mr. Van Buren. We do not express this opinion in condemnation of Mr. Van Buren or of his administration. We admired and supported both the man and his acts. But it is worse than madness to attempt to disguise the fact, that Pennsylvania will be a Whig State next fall, if Mr. Van Buren is the Democratic candidate."

From the Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth.

"Col. JOHNSON passed through this place on Saturday last, on his way home. We understand he says nothing can prevent Mr. CLAY's election but the running of himself."

This coincides with the opinion of the Editor of the Harrisburg Argus, a Locofoco paper of the thorough-bred stamp, except that its first choice is Mr. Cass. The Editor says:

"Mr. Clay can certainly carry the following States against Mr. Van Buren—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan! This will give the Whig candidate one hundred and thirty-two votes. Add to this number the vote of Pennsylvania, which is twenty-six, and Clay has twenty more than are required to make him President."

Expenses of Mr. Van Buren's Administration, and the present.—The Madisonian furnishes from official sources, the following statement:

The average expenses, per year, during Mr. Van Buren's administration were	\$28,000,000.
Total expenditures	\$112,000,000
The expenses per year during this Administration, average	\$24,000,000.
Total expenditure to March, 1845	96,000,000
Reduction of expenditures under this Administration, derived from authentic and official information	\$16,000,000
During Mr. Van Buren's Administration, the average amount of revenue received per year was	\$21,000,000. The total amount of revenue for four years was
During this Administration, the average amount of revenue received per year, has been	\$18,000,000. The total amount for four years computed at
	\$72,000,000
	\$12,000,000

Thus it will be seen that the revenue accruing under this Administration has been twelve millions less than the amount which accrued under Mr. Van Buren's Administration.

When Mr. Van Buren came into office there was a balance in the Treasury of \$16,087,278 00 Due the Government, and Treasury notes issued

\$24,663,976 51

So it appears (from official documents) that Mr. Van Buren had the neat little sum of \$25,000,000 as a capital or legacy, to commence his Administration with. And yet, with that sum on hand, and the \$84,000,000 he received afterwards, he left a deficiency, or debt, to be discharged by *this* Administration of \$7,000,000!

ARRIVAL OF THE BANNER STAFF.—The Baltimore Patriot says that the cars on Tuesday evening from the west, brought the staff for the Whig prize banner. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the rain pouring down in torrents at the time of the arrival of the cars, more than a thousand Whigs had assembled at the cars to receive it; and at the same time to bid welcome to the two "same old coons" sent by the Whigs of old Allegany as a present to the Whigs of the city.

The car in which the staff was brought, was tastefully decorated with evergreens; and was marked in large letters, "HENRY CLAY," and perched on it were "THE SAME OLD COONS."

The Whigs formed in procession, and, with a band of music, marched to the Baltimore Patriot Office, where the staff was duly received, and the "Coons" cordially welcomed.

A correspondent of the "Richmond Enquirer," who states that he has ever been an ardent friend of Mr. Van Buren, and voted for him for President in 1840, thinks it would be unwise to nominate him again for President. He says, "I entertain no unkind feeling towards my brother Democrats, who may differ with me in their first choice, for, if I did, I would not be a Democrat; but I do fear, that if Mr. Van Buren's friends do hold on to him so fast as they do at present, and he should, through the partiality of the delegates, get the nomination in the Convention, another defeat awaits us, more appalling than the last, in 1844."

We learn from the Norfolk Beacon that a naval general court martial has been ordered to convene on board the U. S. ship Pennsylvania on the 2d of January next.

A WHIG VICTORY IN NEW ORLEANS.—The Whigs of New Orleans carried that city on Monday, the 18th instant, on the occasion of a special election to fill a vacancy in the State Legislature. The majority which they gave to James P. Freret, the successful candidate, is upwards of fifty votes. The day was very inclement, and the vote cast was smaller than usual. Last year the majority against us in New Orleans was 153.

THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.—A correspondent of the New York Express has furnished the following statement, giving the names and time of appointment of all the Judges of the Supreme Court:

Residences.	Appointed.
Roger B. Taney, Baltimore, Md., Chief Justice,	1836
Joseph Story, Cambridge, Mass., Asso. Justice,	1811
Smith Thompson, New York, "	1823
John McLean, Cincinnati, Ohio, "	1829
Henry Baldwin, Meadville, Pa., "	1830
James M. Wayne, Savannah, Ga., "	1835
John McKinley, Florence, Ala., "	1837
John Catron, Nashville, Tenn., "	1837
Peter V. Daniel, Richmond, Va., "	1841

We learn from the New York Sun that intelligence has been received confirming the report of an attempted insurrection at Santa Martha, (Columbia,) in which the Governor was killed. The insurgents were about 200 in number. The French steam frigate Gomer immediately proceeded to Santa Martha, to assist the authorities, and the insurgents retreated toward Bahia.

SENATOR PORTER.—The New Orleans Tropic of the 14th inst. says: "We regret to learn that the Hon. Alexander Porter, one of our Senators in Congress, is still at his plantation in Attakapas, in very bad health. There is no probability that he will proceed to Washington at present, and it is possible that he will not be able to take his seat during the session."

THE POMEROY ROBBERY.—The Boston Atlas of Monday says, "Messrs. Thompson & Co. have received a letter from Springfield, in which the writer states, that Pomroy & Co. think they have discovered a clue to the robbery. A man had been buying gold in New York, with some of the money suspected to have been in the stolen packages. This is not definite, by any means, but may lead to something."

Watson, accused of being concerned in the Treasury note robbery, arrived in New Orleans from Washington, in custody of an officer, on the 15th instant. We learn also from the Tropic of the 16th, that Watson, Breedlove, and Holliday, were to be arraigned for trial before the U. S. district court at New Orleans on Monday, the 18th instant.

THE TRADE OF LIVERPOOL.—The Liverpool Albion of the 4th says: "We have now loading in this port six vessels for New York, 3,468 tons; three for Boston, 1,810 tons; four for Charleston, 1,929 tons; three for Mobile, 2,454 tons; nine for New Orleans, 6,479 tons; total tonnage for the United States, 15,640. We have also fifteen vessels loading for Africa, 4,342 tons, and fourteen for Calcutta, 6,394."

The U. S. Iron Steamer Abert, built at Buffalo for the Topographical service, was launched into Lake Erie on Friday. She is built of sheet iron on Lieut. Hunter's plan, and will be of astonishing light draught. Another iron vessel intended for a revenue cutter, is now building at the Novelty Works in New York, which is to be shipped to the lake.

MORE KIDNAPPING.—The Hagerstown News states that six negroes were decoyed a few nights since from their master, Bushrod Taylor, of Winchester, Virginia, by an individual who registered himself at Hagerstown as C. Turner, of New York, but whose real name is Charles T. Terry, an assumed minister of the gospel. He took them to Chambersburg, where an attempt was made to arrest him, but several abolitionists interfered and rescued him. The negroes were last seen in Philadelphia. Terry is no doubt the same individual who had to leave Annapolis in a hurry last winter. Look out for him.

HORRIBLE.—On Monday evening last the dwelling house of Mr. Houseman, at Port Richmond, Staten Island, was destroyed by fire, and, melancholy to relate, Mrs. Houseman and her child perished in the flames. What adds to the horror of the detail is, the belief generally entertained that the house was robbed and then set on fire, without the inmates being awakened. Mr. H. was absent on business, and it is said that \$1,000 or \$1,500 were known to have been in the house when he left.

A FRENCH STEAMER DISMAYED BY AN AMERICAN 74.—The New York True Sun says, an officer on board the U. S. ship Delaware writes that on the evening previous to her arrival at Naples (on the 16th of October) she met two large steamers from Algiers, both French. "One of them, in trying to pass abreast of us, (says the writer,) caught our flying jib-boom, and to our great surprise, every mast was swept out of her close to her deck! Even her smoke stack and steam pipe were completely prostrated, as also the flag staff over her stern. She was three masted—so you see what a little Yankee stick can do to a French steamer. We did not lose a rope yarn. It was the clearest sweep I ever saw of the kind. We will be at home in February." The Delaware had been to Naples to bring home some statutory for the Government.

A letter from Key West, under date of 16th inst. says: "The schooner Thomas Dail, of Baltimore, in ballast, was wrecked near Cape Florida, on her passage from Indian river to Mobile. She was relieved by wreckers and brought to this place in a leaky condition. The case was submitted to arbitrators, and the sum of \$350 awarded. She will sail soon for her port of destination."

## CLIPPINGS.

NAVAL.—The United States sloop of War Decatur was at Port Braya, Cape de Verd Islands, on the 11th of October, and was to sail that night in company with the flag-ship Macedonian, Commodore Perry, for the coast.

The U. S. corvette John Adams, was at Rio Janeiro on the 17th of November.

Ole Bull and his agent, Mr. Schuberth, have had some difficulty, and the latter has left the violinist and returned to New York. According to the original agreement, the agent was to arrange the concerts, etc., and to receive one-third of the net receipts, except where they amounted to 4000 francs or more, and then he was to receive one-fourth.

THE NEW PARTY.—The American Republicans had a mass meeting last Monday evening, at Vauxhall Garden, previous to going into winter quarters. It was, we presume, the largest meeting ever assembled in the city; and augurs victory when the new campaign opens.—*Jour. Com.*

Sam. Medary, a violent Locofoco of Ohio, says that, unless the Tyrierites behave themselves at the 8th of January Convention to be held in Columbus, he will kick them all out of doors.

SHORT, BUT PITHY.—A modern writer thus sketches the character of the notorious Talleyrand:

"Zealous for all, faithful to none, ever true to the rising star, the rising sun and the smiling fortune, and ever false to the sinking star, the setting sun to misfortune and defeat. He has every vice, and not one virtue."

Christmas in New York.—The New York Sun says, "The sun never rose in December on a more mild and bland day than yesterday, much to the gratification and happiness of the thousands who were anxious to enjoy the day with becoming hilarity. It was like April, the ground somewhat damp, but over head the clear blue sky, and sufficiently warm not to require an overcoat. The streets were crowded with well-dressed people, and the shops decorated with evergreens, and their wares displayed to the greatest advantage. It was throughout a jubilee."

A French paper states that a number of engine and machine manufacturers are about to meet at Havre to petition the Chambers against the introduction of English machinery.

Vieux Temps, it is said, has cleared about \$3,000, by his concerts in Boston. He is now engaged at the Park Theatre, New York.

Cass and Van Buren.—The Locofocos of Muskingum county, Ohio, recently held a general meeting, when an effort to elect Cass delegates was made, but the Van Burenites prevailed, and elected their candidates with ease.

The members of the bar of Baltimore have held a meeting, and resolved to pay the income tax of that State, notwithstanding they believe that the law might be greatly improved in its details.

A Scene.—A London paper says, "On Sunday week, sixty-nine fishermen, who had been saved from shipwreck during the awful storm of the 28th ult., publicly returned thanks to Almighty God, in Cromer Church, Norfolk. They all rose when their names were called over by the officiating minister, and then, on their knees, joined in the beautiful form of thanksgiving in the church service."

Boston in Olden Times.—Thomas Fleet, a Boston printer, (and also an auctioneer) thus advertises in his paper in August, 1742:

"A Negro Woman to be sold by the printer of this paper.—The very best negro woman in this town, who has had the small-pox, and the measles, and is as hearty as a horse, as brisk as a bird, and works like a beaver."

The Reading Democrat announces the withdrawal of Mr. Buchanan, and says: "Pennsylvania will now go with an undivided front for Old Tecumseh."

The Gettysburg Star takes ground in favor of Henry Clay for President, and Harmer Denny for Vice President.

A Paris paper reckons the annual revenue of the royal family of France at thirty millions of francs, (£1,200,000) and the savings for the last thirteen years at five millions sterling, independent of the savings made by the King when he was Duke of Orleans.

Loafers.—Different nations have different kinds of loafers. The Italian loafer spends his time in sleeping—the Turkish loafer in dreaming—the Spanish in praying—the French in laughing—the English in swearing—the Russian in gambling—the Hungarian in smoking—the German in drinking—and the Americans in talking politics. Which of these different kinds of loafing is the most destructive to morality?

Cupidity, when accompanied by courage, makes the brigand; when accompanied with cowardice it makes the miser.

The Remarks of Mr. Adams on the Right of Petition, revised by himself, and "the Protest," have been published in an extra Standard. Price \$1 per hundred.

GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC BALL AT THE WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS. The NATIONAL BLUES respectfully announce that they will give their Third Annual Ball on Monday, January 8, 1844. The favorable attendance which the citizens of the District and its vicinity have ever bestowed upon the balls heretofore given by the Blues, encourages them to believe that this will receive a notice equally as favorable, inasmuch as they have made arrangements which, in their opinion, will render it one of the most splendid that has ever been given in the District.

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION AND RECEPTION. Gen. R. C. Weightman, Col. W. W. Seaton, Capt. L. J. Middleton, Lieut. W. M. Clarke, Lieut. P. F. Bacon, Lieut. E. Evans, Ensign W. J. Parham, Sergeant J. L. White, Sergeant J. Brannan, Quartermaster J. F. Coyle, Corporal G. Enrick, W. A. Flaherty, M. P. Mohun, J. S. Owen, C. T. Iardella, W. Macgee, B. J. Tayman, J. McDermott, M. J. Sheahan, S. Humphrey, W. M. Randolph, J. Stoddard.

A sufficient number of servants will be engaged. LLOYD WILLIAMS' celebrated Cotillon Band has been secured for the occasion.

Tickets for sale at Gadsby's, Brown's, and Fuller's Hotels, Farquhar and Morgan's drug store, First ward, Dr. Clarke's drug store, Navy Yard, Kidwell's, Georgetown, Buckingham's, corner of Penn. Avenue and 12th street, and at the door on the evening of the ball. Price of tickets \$2. dec 14

## LOCAL NEWS.

New Ballads.—We have received from Mr. W. Fischer a copy of "Ho! for a Rover's Life, or the Song of the Pirate," and the "The Saint of Erin's Isle," dedicated to the Irish Repealers of the United States. Both these ballads are the production of Professor J. H. Hewitt, of this city. We can speak confidently of the merits of the Pirate's Song, having heard it sung by a charming young lady, the daughter of a gentleman attached to the Navy Department, at one of Mr. Hewitt's recent concerts. It was enthusiastically encored. A musical friend of ours says that the Repealer's Song is quite a gem, and not at all behind the popular ballad of "Erin is my Home." We recommend both songs to the consideration of our fair friends.

New Books.—We have received from Gideon Brooke, Penn. Avenue, near Beers's Hotel, Goddard's Lady's Book for January, 1844. It contains four beautiful plates, "The Old Arm Chair," "The Parlor Sylph," a plate of fashions, beautifully colored, and a colored urn of flowers, &c. The reading matter is, as usual, interesting.

We also acknowledge the receipt of the New World Pictorial Annual for 1844, containing choice tales, poetry, anecdotes, &c., illustrated by numerous splendid engravings.

Statuary at Apollo Hall.—It will be seen that the proprietors of the above exhibition have been induced to continue it for the balance of the week, so as to give all persons an opportunity of visiting it. Go and see it.

## ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

DECEMBER 28, 1843.

INDIAN QUEEN (BROWN'S) HOTEL.  
Henry Christian, Geo. K. Cabell, Va.; Samuel Berry, William Reeder, Md.; R. H. K. Whitely, U. S. A.; Knowles Taylor, R. W. Virian, N. Y.; H. B. Tyler, Norfolk, Va.; B. C. Smith, N. Y.; M. Kennedy, New Orleans; R. H. Butcher, Charleston, S. C.; J. L. Wilson, Balt.; William G. Cazonov, Va.; D. La Matse, D. Pidole, Balt.; E. V. Forstall, H. Forstall, Georgetown; Samuel Cox, Md.; J. W. Hill, Henry Wynkook, N. Y.; P. C. L. Burnell, Va.

CITY (FULLER'S) HOTEL.  
George W. Ring, N. F. Moore, N. Y.; Captain Jones and son, Md.; H. H. Taylor, Pittsburg, M. E. Clark, W. Berry, Md.; John W. Butler, John Olephans, Pittsburg.

EUROPEAN (GALABRON'S) HOTEL.  
Mr. Strong, N. Y.; Mr. Stout, Tenn.; S. Woodhouse.

EXCHANGE (TYLER'S) HOTEL.  
Dr. H. Coulter, Balt.; George Ambrose, William McClellan, Miss E. McClellan, Miss Louenbourg, N. Y.

TEMPERANCE (BEERS'S) HOTEL.  
Robert Hurdle, Balt.; Mr. Wood, S. Dillingham, Va.

VIRGINIA (SWEETING'S) HOTEL.  
Geo. James Johnson, Balt.; J. R. Gover, Samuel Rodental, Ohio.

## MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF GEORGETOWN.

DECEMBER 28, 1843.

ARRIVED.  
Packet sch'r Dodge, Knapp, from New York, to F. & A. H. Dodge, and freight for the District.

SAILED.  
Packet sch'r Susan, Tignor, for Norfolk.

TO ARMS! TO ARMS!—The monster Intemperance has again raised his horrid head among us. Arise, friends of religion, morality, and the law, and crush the fiend before thousands of our citizens are led captive into the dominions of the arch deceiver, alcohol. The Freeman's Vigilant Total Abstinence Society meets every Friday evening, at 6 1/2 o'clock, at the Medical College. Meetings always interesting. GEO. SAVAGE, President.

COLUMBIA ARTILLERY, ATTENTION!—You are notified to attend a stated meeting of the company, to be held at their room on Tuesday evening, January 3, 1844, at 7 o'clock.

By order: R. J. POLLARD, Secretary.

ST. MATTHEW'S FAIR AT CARUSI'S SALOON.—On Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., the Ladies of St. Matthew's congregation will open for sale a large and splendid assortment of fancy and useful articles. Every kind of refreshment and of confectionary will be on hand at all hours of the day and evening. To add to the enlivening interest of the occasion, among several new and unusual sources of amusement, two may be particularly noted for their novelty and interest: The Spanish Gypsy in her wild tent, and the newly imported Automaton Dancer, Mons. Petis Pas, both of whom will exhibit their peculiar skill on each evening during the Fair. Admission 12 cents. Open from 10 A. M., till 10 P. M.

GROCERIES.—I have in store 50 bags of coffee, of various qualities. Sperm oil, warranted, \$1 per gallon. Sperm candles, raisins, currants, citron almonds, &c., buckwheat. Loaf, crushed, and brown sugars. 14 dozen baskets, 22 dozen brooms. Fancy soap, and spices of all kinds. In short, every thing kept in the line, and on as reasonable terms as can be had in the District; but, at the same time, nothing below cost, as some of the knowing ones would have you think.

WM. T. DOVE, Between 13th and 14th sts., fronting on Penn. av., dec 29—1w next to National Theatre.

FLOUR.—Just received, and on hand, a large stock of flour, which I will dispose of low.

dec 29—1w WM. T. DOVE.

BUTTER.—Just received, direct from New York, a very superior lot of Goshen Butter, and for sale by

dec 29—1w WM. T. DOVE.

FRESH TEAS.—A fresh lot of newly imported Teas, of best brands, just received, and for sale on accommodating terms, by

dec 29—1w WM. T. DOVE.

NAILS.—100 kegs nails in store, of the best quality, low for case, or to punctual customers.

WM. T. DOVE, Next to National Theatre. (Mad. Cap. & Globe.)